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GENEVA FOR AMB BUFFUM

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH PRES. CLERIDES, JULY 29

FOLLOWING WERE AMONG SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON DURING A DISCUSSION WITH GLAFCOS CLERIDES JULY 29.

1. CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS
CLERIDES SAID THAT DURING THE NIGHT TURKISH FORCES ATTACKED AND OCCUPIED TOWN OF XEKOS NICOLAOS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HAVING EXPANDED THEIR ENCLAVE TO PROVIDE A BEACHHEAD AND CORRIDOR, THE TURKS WERE NOW MOVING INTO AREAS THAT WERE COMPLETELY GREEK IN POPULATION.

2. VERIFICATION OF NON-ATROCITIES
CLERIDES SAID THAT UN HAD VISITED MOST AREAS UNDER GREEK
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CYPRIOT CONTROL AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF WIDESPREAD

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MALTREATMENT OF TURKS BY GREEKS. THE UN SURVEY WAS CON-
TINUING AND HE HOPED AND EXPECTED THIS WOULD REMAIN THE
SITUATION. THERE HAD BEEN SOME INDICATION OF LOOTING OF
HOMES ABANDONED BY TURKS AND THE NATIONAL GUARD HAD ORDERS
TO PUT A STOP TO THIS.

3. I NOTED THAT AMB. INHAN HAD SUGGESTED TO ME TWO
DAYS AGO THAT A GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOT COMMISSION BE SET
UP TO VISIT PLACES IN GREEK AREAS WHERE MASSACRES OR ATROCITIES
HAD BEEN REPORTED. CLERIDES NOTED UN ACTIVITY AND SAID HE HAD
PROPOSED THAT HE AND DENKTASH MIGHT VISIT THESE CENTERS
AS WELL AS THOSE IN TURKISH AREA WHERE THERE WERE SUB-
STANTIAL NUMBERS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN
NO RESPONSE FROM THE TURKS.

4. CLERIDES SAID THAT IN ALL SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS THERE
WERE BOUND TO BE ISOLATED INCIDENTS. GIVEN THE SNOWSTORM
OF TURKISH ALLEGATIONS, HE WAS SENDING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
OF RAPES BY TURK SOLDIERS AND EVIDENCE OF DELIBERATE SHOOTING OF
GREEK CYPRIOTS BY THE TURKS.

5. REOPENING OF AIRPORT
I ASKED WHETHER HE HAD GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO A
PUBLIC APPEAL FOR REOPENING OF THE NICOSIA AIRPORT UNDER UN
AUSPICES FOR COMMERCIAL USE ONLY. I THOUGHT THAT GIVEN THE
REPORTED ANXIETY OF BOTH TURK AND GREEK FARMERS THAT THE CROP
OF TABLE GREAPES WOULD BE COMPLETELY LOST IF CONDITIONS DID
NOT PERMIT HARVESTING AND EXPORT, THIS MOVE MIGHT BE WELCOMED
VREGHTOTH. ALTHOUGH TURKS MIGHT NOT AGREE SINCE UN CONTROL
WASINCONFLICT WITH THEIR CLAIM TO THE AIRPORT, I THOUGHT
MATHERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVANTAGE TO THE APPEAL CAST IN TERMS
OF FLYING OUT THE TABLE GRAPE CROP TO BRITAIN AND EUROPE.

6. CLERIDES SAID HE THOUGHT THE TABLE GRAPES WERE USUALLY
SHIPPED BY SEA RATHER THAN AIR BUT, NOT BEING INVOLVED IN
TRADE HIMSELF, HE WAS NOT CERTAIN. IT WAS SOMETHINGHXLVGIABELOOK#INTO
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7. RELOCATIONOF CLERIDES OFFICE
CLERIDES HAS MOVED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE KBNMIN
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INFORMATION OFFICE, A MODERN AND COMMODIOUS
BUILDING IN SHARP
CONTRAST TO THE SMALL, BRITISH COLONIAL ERA FOREIGN MINISTRY.
HIS OWN POLICE GUARDS WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS GUARD THE ACCESS
ROAD, THE ENTRY, THE FOYER, AND FLOOR
ON WHICH HIS OFFICES ARE
NOW LOCATED. IT WAS A SHARP CONTRAST TO MY PREVIOUS VISIT TO

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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE DISORDER WAS THE RULE AND WHERE
RIGHT WING, HEAVILY ARMED "COMMANDOS" SEEMED TO HAVE THE
AB
T FNX#SUMMON CLERIDES TO HEAR THEIR THREATS AT ANY
TIME.
DAVIES

NOTE BY OCT: #AS RECEIVED. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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